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SUBJ: DEFENSE MINISTER DENIES CIA INFILTRATION IN DENMARK

1. REACTING TO WEEKEND REPORTS IN THE PRESS ON FORMER CIA CHIEF WILLIAM COLBY'S BOOK "HONORABLE MEN, MY LIFE IN THE CIA", DEFENSE MINISTER POUL SOGAARD DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF ANY CIA UNDERGROUND WORK IN DENMARK. COLBY'S BOOK APPARENTLY STATES THAT THE CIA IN THE EARLY 50S TRIED TO BUILD UP RESISTANCE MOVEMENTS IN NORWAY, DENMARK, SWEDEN AND FINLAND FOR THE CASE OF A SOVIET INVASION IN NORTHERN EUROPE.

2. SOGAARD SAID THAT HE HAD NOT ENCOUNTERED ANY INFORMATION WHICH COULD SUPPORT COLBY'S STATEMENTS DURING HIS TIME AS DEFENSE MINISTER. MOREOVER, HE SAID, "THE WHOLE THING GOES WAY BACK TO THE 50S AND THEY WRITE SO MUCH ABOUT WHAT THE CIA HAS DONE. I HAVE GOT BETTER THINGS TO WORRY ABOUT THAN TO INVESTIGATE THESE THINGS".

3. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS 17 MAY, A RADICAL
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PARTY MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT HAS RAISED A QUESTION FOR THE DEFENSE MINISTER AS TO WHETHER THE ALLEGATIONS OF CIA ACTIVITY IN DENMARK IN THE 1950S ARE TRUE. THIS WILL REQUIRE SOME COMMENT BEFORE THE PARLIAMENT BY MINISTER SOGAARD IN THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS.
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